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On the 19th September, at Yokohama, the wife of HAROLD E. HAYWARD, of a son (stillborn).

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VUEX ROAD CL.
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HONGKONG, 3RD OCTOBER, 1903.

The discussion in Finance Committee at the Legislative Council meeting on Thursday last on the subject of plague expenses was one which should be read with interest. With the Hon. GERSHON STEWART, all residents who care for the welfare of this Colony must be glad to hear the statement of the Principal Civil Medical Officer. The vote in the Estimates of \$437,622 for the Sanitary Department is certainly a large one, and the items of \$80,000 for scavenging and \$20,000 for coolie-hire are calculated to cause surprise to those who have seen no explanation of them. Mr. STEWART'S enquiry whether the plague not being with us now, any saving is effected, and whether the special coolies are kept employed, was a natural and, indeed, most desirable one. Dr. ATKINSON, in his reply, admitted that the figures seem large, but stated that the expenditure on plague for the first half of this year has been \$110,000 less than in the first half of 1902—when, however, there were 1,000 more cases of plague to be dealt with. The estimate for expenditure in 1904 is based on the number of plague cases this year. As to the increase of staff, this is the result of the advice of the sanitary experts, whose most important recommendation was that there should be a permanent plague staff, distinct from the ordinary staff of sanitary inspectors. Accordingly an organised plague staff has been established, the numbers of which are added to in a certain ratio to the number of plague cases, and decreased as the epidemic abates. The \$20,000 for

coolie-hire was devoted to the extra coolies taken on to deal with plague cases as they occur, removing rubbish from infected houses, taking clothing to the disinfecting station, conveying water for cleansing purposes, etc. The number of these coolies decreases with the epidemic, and at present Dr. ATKINSON stated there are none employed, a fact which he thought shows that a due check is being kept on the expense. The Hon. F. H. MAY, in the chair, followed the Principal Civil Medical Officer's explanation with an expression of his opinion that a great saving has been effected since things have been authorised in the estimates instead of being charged upon open vote, a statement which it is welcome to hear. Further, he had himself called some time ago for a report showing exactly how the plague staff is employed, and this report is to be laid on the table. This, as Sir PAUL CHATER said, will be satisfactory; and criticism of the expenditure may well be delayed until the appearance of the report. It was expected, of course, that the calling in of expert opinion would lead to reforms involving the Colony in heavy expenses; and Hongkong residents are not disposed to grumble at this if real reforms are carried out. Only it is desirable to know that money is not being unnecessarily wasted.

The *North-China Daily News* draws attention to the fact that Russia, in addition to her other schemes in Manchuria, is endeavouring to secure entire possession of the Sungari River, on the banks of which and its tributaries are built all the principal cities of Northern Manchuria, while its waters form one of the three main routes thence to Siberia. China has always refused to open the river, feeling that this would mean the opening of Manchuria. Since the China-Japan war, however, the Russian nation was not strong enough to prevent the construction of the Chinese Eastern Railway, or trading on the Sungari; unauthorised though the latter might be on paper. It was in 1895 that the first Russian steamer sailed up the river as far as Kirin, since when Russian boats have used the route freely. Russia will perhaps claim, the *Daily News* suggests, that the Aihun Treaty entitles her to navigate the Sungari, but that convention gave her no other rights than that of "inland navigation," allowed by China to all the Powers. Russia now proposes to establish landing-places along the river and to guard them with soldiers. But whatever right Russia may have to navigation is shared by the other Powers, whom Russia is now endeavouring to bar out altogether. Our Shanghai contemporary claims, and rightly claims, that if China agrees to the present proposal of Russia, other nations must be given similar rights on all other rivers in China. We call attention to the article in the *Daily News* because it points out the correct way in which the commercial Powers must meet Russia's extortions from China in the North, i.e. not by threatening war or by attempting land-grabbing, but by insisting firmly on the opening up of closed areas. The question is one which largely affects Hongkong, for even within a little distance of the Colony lie great and fertile districts, of incalculable importance to our future development, but as yet entirely closed to our trade and shut off from the outer world.

The body of a Chinese, dead of plague, was found on the breakwater at Causeway Bay yesterday.

A promenade concert on behalf of the Hongkong Ladies Benevolent Society will take place on the Volunteer Parade Ground on the 17th inst.

The *Strait Times* says that fifty-cent silver pieces of the Straits colonies are being circulated in Ceylon, and are too readily taken for rupees—especially when one half-dollar is placed among a dozen rupees.

In reference to our recent article on Messrs. Watkins' new Pharmacy in Queen's Road, we are asked to state that Messrs. Watkins, Ltd., are not the general managers of the Hongkong-Canton Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd. In the article referred to they were erroneously stated to be so.

There are still 518 Boer prisoners at Ahmednagar, Bombay, who refuse to take the oath of allegiance. It is not improbable that they will be presently treated as vagrants, and confined in the ordinary prisons if they continue obstinate. It has been suggested that a number of these men have no desire to return to South Africa for private reasons.

In the Summary Court yesterday Mohammedji, the Indian servant of Captain H.E. Steen, of the 14th Bombay Light Infantry, sued his master for \$20.66. Captain Steen stated that Mohammedji left his employment without permission on the 17th September. Mr. Justice Wise pointed out that the servant had been engaged on monthly terms; when the month was finished he was entitled to his pay for that month. His Lordship gave judgment for \$15 for the two previous months, less \$3.36 paid by defendant to plaintiff.

The Royal Hosiery Company of London occupy the Theatre Royal this evening.

What is to become of the *Supra* prisoners when, at the expiration of their present term of imprisonment, they are set free, asks the *Japan Mail*? Probably they will come to Japan, which is getting to be a veritable asylum for all the restless spirits of the two neighbouring empires.

By kind permission of Major Radcliff and officers, the band of the 33rd Burma Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel to-night from 8 to 9.30 p.m. The programme is as follows:—March..... "The Roll of the Drum" McClurg Entrance..... "Mimi"..... Hamilton Clarke Selection..... "The Belle of New York" Kerker Song..... "Liebeslied"..... Caroly Rhy Selection..... "The Gay Parisienne" Ivan Caryll Waltz..... "Estas"..... Louis Renault Gavotte..... "Dexicmo"..... Albanesi "God Save the King."

There does not appear to be any immediate prospect of the Chinese section of the East Asian Railway being restored to working order. Very extensive repairs were rendered necessary by the recent inundations. Thus the elements themselves are working to delay evacuation. Meanwhile, so far as the overland journey is concerned, passengers have only to go to Vladivostok instead of Port Arthur. The difference is not much, and from Vladivostok the line is intact.

Miss Yu, says the *P. and T. Times*, is in such favour at court that she is allowed to sit on the floor instead of kneeling, and she is allowed foreign food. After the Court business is over the Empress Dowager frequently asks her to explain foreign customs, etc. The Empress Dowager is said to be making progress with her English, which we can readily believe, as it is nothing in China for a new study to be taken up at an age when with us the old knowledge is being laid aside.

Mr. E. W. Cole, of Melbourne, who is prosecuting a vigorous campaign against the "White Australia" craze, is now in Hongkong after a four months' visit to Japan, where he interviewed a very large number of leading men and secured expressions of opinion from them. Mr. Cole's motto is "The people that we do not know are as good as the people that we do not," which he has had inscribed on a nickel medal for distribution among his sympathisers. His energy deserves a reward, but we fear that the incubus of the "Labour" party is very heavy on Australia's chest.

The s.s. *Hong Mok* arrived at Singapore from Amoy and Swatow on the 19th ult. with a large number of immigrants for Penang and Singapore. Just as the vessel was leaving Swatow a Chinese coolie jumped overboard and was drowned. When the vessel was off the Horsburgh Light just outside Singapore the ship's doctor, Dr. Birch, was seen going over the ship's side. The mate attempted to prevent him but was too late. The vessel was stopped and a boat lowered at once. Although over an hour was spent in the search no signs of the doctor were seen. It is surmised that he got foul of the propeller and was drowned.

When will be known the actual number of Boers who faced us in the field in South Africa? On this point Lord Kitchener himself, in his evidence before the War Commission, is not certain. Asked whether he was of opinion that a much larger number of men was available to the Boers than the Intelligence Department gave them credit for, he answered "Yes"; and when asked by Sir John Lubbock for a rough estimate of the numbers of Boers in the field, he said:—That would mean between 65,000 to 70,000 Boers. I think that during the whole war they had 95,000 men out, but that includes the Cape rebels and a certain number of foreigners.

In an interview last month with Reuters' representative in London, Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister, said:—While I am unable to discuss pending negotiations or the reported proposals at St. Petersburg for a *modus vivendi* with Russia, I do say that it is my belief that any small causes for friction with Russia will be settled as they occur. In what way this will be brought about, whether by a *modus vivendi* or by some other form of settlement, it is not for me to say. I would strenuously combat the view that Japan is seeking a quarrel with Russia or with any other Power. There are young Chauvinists in Japan as in Russia, but their views (at any rate in Japan) are not those held by responsible Statesmen. In the matter of Korea it cannot be too clearly stated that Japan does not seek anything there. We have interests in Korea which we shall naturally maintain. I see no very serious cause for trouble with Russia either with regard to Korea or Manchuria. Russia has promised the United States to evacuate Manchuria in October, and we expect and believe that it will carry out her promise. In fact, there is no room for doubt on this point, and I repeat that any small cause for friction (which must occur from time to time, even between the most friendly Powers) will be honourably and amicably settled. I cannot too strongly deprecate the constant attempts to stir up strife between the two nations.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—The barometer has risen over N.E. Japan and the coast of China, fallen much over S. Japan.

The typhoon has recurred and seems likely to reach the S.E. coast of Japan to day. Strong monsoon along the China coast, and increasing N.E. winds over the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—Moderate to fresh N.W. winds.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

AUTRIA-HUNGARY.

LONDON, 30th September.

Count Hedervary again resigned on the 24th ultimo, the Hungarian Chamber having adopted a resolution of M. Kossuth disapproving of his attitude regarding certain utterances of the "Austrian Premier" on the Army question, which Count Hedervary did not regard as objectionable.

Some details about Count Hedervary will be found on p. 9.—Ed. D.P.]

RUSSIA IN MANCHURIA.

LONDON, 30th September.

A St. Petersburg edict transfers the Trans-Baikal Cossack Regiment and Battery to the Kwantung peninsula, where an independent East-Siberian Cossack Brigade is forming.

THE BALKANS—SUCCESS OF BULGARIAN MANOEUVRES.

LONDON, 30th September.

A great demonstration representing all parties and creeds has been made in St. James's Hall, London, to protest against the outrages in Macedonia. A resolution urging the abolition of Turkish rule was adopted.

THE TSAR.

LONDON, 30th September.

The Tsar is in Vienna.

A STARTLING RUMOUR.

REPORTED PIRACY ON A STEAMER.

An extraordinary report was prevalent in the Colony yesterday evening that the s.s. *Hankow*, plying between here and Canton, had been attacked by pirates at some point between Hongkong and Whampoa, ransacked, and then deserted by the robbers, being ultimately able to reach Whampoa. It need hardly be said that there was not a word of truth in the tale. The *Hankow* was lying safely alongside the wharf yesterday afternoon, and no one was more surprised than the Company concerned at the spread of the story.

CANTON NOTES.

[FROM THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN FO"]

THE VICE-ROY.

H.E. Viceroy Shun Chuan-hua, who arrived from Kwangsi on the 27th ult., was to proceed to Swatow on the 2nd inst. to inspect the forts and investigate the characters and conduct of the officials, some of whom have been brought to the notice of His Excellency for making a queue a levying illegal taxes, and inflicting unnecessary hardships on the people.

POSSIBLE TROUBLE.

As a rumour has been current in Canton that a plot has been concocted by the members of the Anti-Manchu Society to capture the city of Canton at an appointed day, the local mandarins have made every preparation beforehand. People are strictly prohibited from firing crackers, decorating the houses with lanterns and flags, and climbing on to the roofs to view the moon at the mid-autumn festival, the 5th inst.

A RAILWAY SCHEME.

A syndicate started by a native of Fokien province is now raising capital for the construction of a railway from Swatow to Sun-Ho. A sum of about seven hundred dollars has been subscribed. When he has succeeded in raising the sum of one million dollars, he will petition the Viceroy for permission to build.

DISLOYALTY.

It is said that the disbanded soldiers who were under the command of the dismissed sub-prefect Li Ku-Chen are now trying hard to raise Li. One of his subordinates named Ma Wong-pat, who was formerly a notorious robber, but afterwards was made an Imperial officer under the influence of Li, has gathered together a good number of the disbanded braves, who are committing robberies and crimes of every description in Waichow district. It is said he intends to make an attack on the prison where Li-Ku-chen is confined, when he has got a sufficient number of men.

END OF THE REBELLION.

The Kwangsi rebellion is nearly at an end, though skirmishes are still constantly reported in various districts. The troops are generally victorious. Merchandise can now be transported to and fro by the West River without obstruction from the robbers. The leaders of the rebels have either surrendered or run away to other places, for the soldiers leave no stone unturned to effect their arrest. The famine in Kwangsi has also practically disappeared, the late harvest being reported excellent and the autumn rice-crops giving favourable promise. The price of rice is at present about thirty catties a dollar, against fifteen catties a dollar a month ago.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.N. steamer *Sunghing* left Manila for this port on the 30th ult., and is expected here today at daylight.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Sado Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 1st inst., and is expected here on the 7th inst., a.m.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

THE QUESTION OF SUNDAY SAILING.

The annual meeting of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club was held last evening in the Cricket Pavilion, the Hon. P. H. May, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary, presiding.

The CHAIRMAN in his introductory remarks said they looked forward to the approaching season with peculiar interest, for there had been a very sporting thing done—they had had a yacht designed by one of their local amateurs to wrest the laurel wreath from the crack designer Payne of Southampton. (Hear, hear.) The designer was Colonel Brown, and his yacht was to be launched on Tuesday next. He took that opportunity of wishing the new yacht every success in the coming season. (Applause.) A very old yachtsman, Mr. C. A. Tomes, was also building to the design of Mr. Arthur Payne, who had been so successful in these waters; and they therefore looked forward to some very interesting sport in the Championship class. There were no other new craft, he was sorry to say, but he hoped that the season's racing would have the effect of inducing yachtsmen to build for the season after next. (Applause.)

Mr. JOHN HASTINGS, Hon. Treasurer, in submitting the accounts, said the year opened with a balance of \$106 and closed with \$134. The subscriptions had considerably increased and the Club seemed to be in a sound financial position. (Hear, hear.)

Commodore C. G. ROBINSON, R.N., moved that the accounts be passed.

Mr. H. W. BIRD seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. M. W. SLADE, Hon. Secretary, moved the resolution of Hon. F. H. May as Commodore.

Hon. H. E. POLLOCK seconded, and the motion was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. SLADE then moved that Commodore Robinson be elected Vice-Commodore of the Club; Mr. P. H. Campbell, R.E., Hon. Secretary; Mr. Hastings Hon. Treasurer; and Mr. A. Denison Official Mesurier.

Colonel L. F. BROWN, Commanding the Troops, seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN moved that Messrs. Slade, Bird, and Pollock; Colonel Brown, and Mr. C. A. Tomes be elected unofficial members of the Committee.

Mr. A. DENISON seconded and the motion was agreed to.

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN, Messrs. Campbell and H. P. Tooker were appointed Deputy Messurers.

Mr. SLADE proposed that the start of the season be the Ladies' Race on Saturday, 31st October and the first Club race on 1st November; and that the other dates be 15th and 29th November, 10th and 24th January, 7th and 21st February, 7th and 21st March and 10th April.

The CHAIRMAN seconded the proposal.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK moved as an amendment that the races be sailed on the Saturdays preceding the Sundays mentioned in the proposed programme.

Captain CRICHTON, R.A., seconded.

The CHAIRMAN said he would like personally to see the amendment carried. As he said last year when the same subject was under discussion, he did not see any harm in going out for a quiet sail on the Sabbath, but he thought the Club should not race on Sundays for the same reason that they did not hold a race meeting or a polo tournament or a cricket match on Sundays. He did not think a race meeting or a polo tournament would be tolerated here on Sundays.

Mr. SLADE said he was opposed to the amendment. Personally he saw no harm in Sunday sailing, though he preferred to race on Saturdays; but he thought it was in the best interests of the Club to have the races on Sundays. (Applause.) A large number of members, keen sailors, could not possibly get away on Saturdays—Mr. Tomes, for instance, who was without a partner now; and there were many others not in the position of *tail-pins* who could not get away.

Mr. A. H. OUGER said he was a keen supporter of Saturday and Sunday racing too, if he could get it, but he was not likely to have Sundays with their own people and it was the only chance they got. If the races were fixed to begin at a reasonable time on Saturdays, he was of opinion that most of the members could get away, say at half-past one. Besides, it always appeared to him that they got a better wind on Saturdays than on Sundays. (Laughter.)

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK thought they should have the start of the races somewhere near 2.30 p.m. It would be much more convenient to race on Saturdays and leave Sundays free. Racing on Saturdays was not altogether new in the Colony. Colonel BROWN was of opinion that if the racing was to take place on Saturdays a tolerably early hour should be fixed for starting, otherwise he foresaw that towards the end of the season a good many races would have to be resailed.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK added to his motion that the starting time for the races be 2.10, 2.20 and 2.30 p.m.

Mr. HASTINGS said they had already been starting too late on Saturdays—1.30 p.m. To his mind the races should start sharp at one o'clock on Saturdays.

Mr. DENISON suggested that if the Club races were sailed on Saturdays the Cup races would have to be sailed on Sundays.

The amendment for Saturday racing was lost by 10 votes to 7.

On the motion of Mr. HASTINGS, seconded by Hon. Mr. POLLOCK, the starting times were

fixed at 1 p.m., 1.10 and 1.20 for the Championship races.

Colonel BROWN asked what was the state of affairs regarding the Yacht Club-house?

The CHAIRMAN replied that the question of amalgamation with the Boat Club was not yet settled. There was a sub-committee appointed by the joint committees of the Yacht Club and of the Boat Club to investigate the matter, and they were to report to the joint committees; whereupon the joint committees would report to the general meetings of their respective Clubs.

Mr. CAMPBELL, R.E., moved that the marking in the one-design boat races be 6, 4, 3, 2 and 1 when five boats started, and 5, 3, 2 and 1 when four boats started, and so on.

Captain CRICHTON seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

There was no other important business before the meeting.

SIX-A-SIDE FOOTBALL.

In the competition for the six-a-side Challenge Cup and medals, two games took place at the Happy Valley yesterday afternoon—Clark v. Worcester, and Brent v. Wolfe. The former game was a draw, no scoring; the other, Brent won by one goal to nil.

On Monday Clark and Kew will meet.

CRICKET.

The Cricket Ground will be open for all members on Monday next. The first match of the regular season will take place on Saturday, the 10th inst., between the First XI and the next XXII.—Interport players, of course, being absent.

A match-book will be found in the Pavilion in which all members wishing to play in this match are invited to enter their names.

REPORTED ABDICATION OF EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH.

A special telegram to the *Manila Times*, dated Vienna, September 24th, states that the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria and King of Hungary has abdicated from the Hungarian throne. "Political feeling in favour of an independent monarch has grown critical, and the people are unanimous in their demand for their own King." Our contemporary states as a fact what is at present, at least, only a rumour of intention.

THE POLLARD COMEDY COMPANY.

The departure of the Pollard Comedy Company having been delayed until Monday, and the Theatre Royal not being available, the management have decided, owing to the great success introduced in the various comedies to give the theatre-goers an opportunity of seeing the Company in vaudeville, and to-night they will appear in the City Hall in a special variety entertainment. A feature will be the singing of Miss Marjorie Tempest, who will on this occasion also appear in a new rôle—namely, that of a solo violinist. Miss Grace Gals will recite, Miss Ascoli give a skirt dance, Mr. Merry Lynch sing comic songs, and Mr. Alfred Tullett appear in a musical sketch, "Boys of the Navy Blue." Besides these contributions by the members of the Company, there will be chorist solos by Mr. Tuxford, a juggling act by "Cento," and piano solos by Mr. Haydn.

Last evening the programme consisted of the first act of *Tom, Dick and Harry*, the second act of *My Friend from India*, and the third act of *Charley's Aunt*. Specialties were given with much success by Miss Tempest, Miss Ascoli, Mr. Tullett and Mr. Lynch.

ECCELESIASTICS FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

Bishop D. P. Dougherty, of Philadelphia, accompanied by the Revs. J. Carroll, E. Cook and D. Gercke, and Professors J. McCloskey and J. McGinley, arrived in Hongkong on Wednesday on board the P.M.S.S. *Korea*, on their way to Manila. These six clergymen comprise an important American delegation of Roman Catholic priests, bound for the Philippines, to restore the institutions and importance of the church in North-eastern Luzon, which has been partly neglected since the outbreak of the insurrection and the necessary evacuation of the district by the original Spanish priests. Bishop Dougherty will be at the searoad head of the region and have his headquarters at Vigan, a city about 200 miles northward of Manila. In addition to the revival of the work of the Roman Catholic church he will re-establish the seminary at Vigan, and will install there Professor McGinley, who was professor of dogmatic theology in the S. Charles Seminary in Philadelphia, and Professor J. McCloskey, who was professor of moral philosophy in the Philadelphia seminary. Bishop Dougherty himself is particularly well fitted for the re-organization of the Vigan seminary under American priests, as he was professor of dogmatic theology in the S. Charles Seminary for several years and made quite a reputation there as a teacher and administrator. In 1899 he was ordained a priest at Rome by Cardinal Parocchi, and last year he was appointed Bishop of Northern Luzon, receiving his ordination at Rome last June from the hands of Cardinal Sottoli. The entrance of these American priests into the Philippines is but the beginning of a plan for strengthening and restoring the prestige of the Roman Catholic Church in the islands.

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 TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1902.
 £26,378,771.

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 SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL... £2,750,000 0 0
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 Cash Security... £252,719
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 Hongkong, 10th May, 1892. [28]

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H. W. S. JACOB & CO.
 Hongkong, 2nd April, 1903. [15]

PHENIX FIRE OFFICE.
 The Undersigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES OF INSURANCE against FIRE at Current Rates.
DOUGLAS LAPELAK & CO.
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 Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. [128]

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 Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [118]

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 A STORY OF LOVE AND MYSTERY.

BY
JOHN BLOUNDELLE-BURTON
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CHAPTER X.
 "THE PROMISED LAND."

That night Lady Bottrell told Séverine whom, until this time, she had imagined to be the only person in existence who knew her secret, that Mark Lambert was still alive. Alive and, what was worse, determined to derive considerable benefit from the fact of his wife having obtained a position which made her a suitable object for exploitation.

"Mon Dieu!" Séverine exclaimed, sitting down before her mistress in her excitement and agitation. "Alive! It seems impossible."

"It seems so. Yet I fear it is true. There is a talk of his coming to England."

"Then it must be true. Coming to England! Dieu des Dieux! what is to be done?"

"He may—be—bought off, it appears," Lady Bottrell said, haltingly, as though, perhaps, ashamed to mention that the man she had once loved could, even at his worst, have sunk so low. "Yet even that is not all. He has confided in a lawyer, a man who has come all the way to England to represent him in advance. And he, too, will have to be bought off, or—paid so much at intervals to make him keep silence."

"Pay them, then. You can do it," Séverine said. "In your position what they want can be obtained. Is it not so?"

"He—he—Lambert—wants ten thousand pounds. That is the price fixed."

"Heavens! It is enormous. Still, it must be done."

"How am I to get ten thousand pounds? How can I ask my husband for such a sum as that and yet have nothing to show for it, the way it is spent? If I could do that I might get it, but even then it is a large sum, a third of our annual income."

For a moment Séverine Dupont sat meditating while acknowledging to herself that, even to a man of Sir Geoffrey's means, it would be a large sum to disburse, and acknowledging also that no such amount could possibly be obtained from him without some evidence being given of what it was wanted for. Then, after a moment's reflection, she spoke again.

"If—if—Lambert is alive and wants this money he cannot want it all at once; he would surely be willing to let you pay it by degrees. You could give him something worth having to go on with—and—later—you could find ways of satisfying him. You could gradually get together the money required."

"I do not know how,"

"Oh! there are ways. We must find ways. A woman in your present position can always obtain money. There are a hundred ways. But, at first, he must have something. Something to keep him quiet and—to give us time."

"Time! What is the good of Time? It will only bring him nearer to me."

"It will nevertheless give us the opportunity of making enquiries."

"Do you doubt this story of his being alive?"

"Not if he is coming to England. I shall not doubt it when I see him. No stranger, no remarkable likeness, could deceive me. I remember him too well. But—"

"I have seen his photograph taken a few weeks ago in America. Oh! Séverine, he is poor and ill—and—something dreadful must have happened to him during all these years. He must have been somewhere—I dread to think where—during which he would have no need of his clothes."

"Mon Dieu! What do you mean?"

"Oh! Lady Bottrell said. "He was wearing the same clothes he wore before he went away."

"Impossible!"

"I am sure of it. Absolutely sure," Séverine, if he had been in—in—let us say a prison for many years, would his clothes not have been kept and given out to him again when he was released?"

"In a French prison, a *bagne*, a *Meison Centrale*; yes, perhaps. In England, too, I think. But I do not know. It might be. Yet, why should he have been in prison?"

"If he had done what he did in England! Something like that which ruined him. If he had done it again."

"He must have done worse than that to be kept in prison for so many years. Anywhere, he must have done so. Murderers, forgers, escapees with less than such a punishment as that."

"God knows what he may not have done. He was so—so—fascinating."

"And so bad," Séverine muttered to herself. But aloud she said, "We must have time. We must! Have you consented to give what he wants?"

"Not yet. I have said I will see what I can do."

"Continue to say so. And give something. Something to, at any rate, keep him and this other man quiet. You can do that, surely?"

"A hundred pounds or so, yes. Two or three hundred pounds, perhaps. I have some money at my own bankers' with which I meant to pay my summer bills. They can wait. But how am I to go on? How am I to pay such a sum as he requires? Ten thousand pounds! I can never do it."

"We will see," Séverine said. "Meanwhile I am determined to do one thing. I will go to-morrow to that office, that agency to which we went twenty years ago; I will ask if any news was ever heard of the 'Promised Land,' or the passengers, who were supposed to be lost. We never went but once, remember. We should have gone at least a second time; we should have tried to make more sure before you married Sir Geoffrey."

"Oh, my God! I tremble with fear at what you may learn. Séverine, suppose you find that he was saved. Only suppose! What am I then? What is my poor child?"

"I do not believe I shall find such a case. But, if I do, we shall then know where we stand. We shall know what to do."

"To do! You mean, to acknowledge that I am that man's wife and not Sir Geoffrey's. That my child is—?"

"No. To acknowledge nothing. To find some way of silencing him and the lawyer for ever. Believe in me, Rhoda," addressing her mistress as she had often addressed her from the time she was a little child, and as she involuntarily addressed her sometimes in moments of excitement, "Believe in me. Alive or dead, Mark Furness shall bring no further unhappiness on you if I can prevent it."

The next morning Séverine Dupont carried out her determination and went to the office of the American shipping firm to which the "Promised Land" had once belonged. The place, she found, was not altered in the least; there was the same counter with its wire-work screen running the whole length of the office, the same long bench opposite to it for callers to sit upon while waiting to be attended to; the same coloured pictures of ships, as well as a chart of the South Atlantic; and the same pictures of one, or two tropical harbours. Nothing seemed changed, or only one thing. Behind the counter the clerks and officials were all different from any of those whom she thought she remembered; an elderly man with red hair that was turning grey, who had attended to Rhoda when they first visited the place, was gone—doubtless for ever!—and in his stead was a young, well-dressed man of about thirty.

"The 'Promised Land,'" this man said, with a look of astonishment at Séverine when she had told him briefly what her object was, namely, to know if anything had ever been heard of that ill-fated vessel or her passengers.

"The 'Promised Land'! Why! she was lost thirty or forty years ago, wasn't she?"

"No. Not so long. Twenty years. In 1881."

"In 1881! Why?" the gentleman said, "what can you expect to hear of her? People don't come back from a shipwreck of twenty years ago. Had you any friend or relative on board?" he asked in a gentler, or, perhaps, a less ironical tone. A thought had come to his mind as he looked at Séverine's grey hair; a thought that, possibly, this woman who was no longer young might have had a husband or a lover on board that ship, one whom, even now, she had not given up all hopes of seeing again.

"A friend of mine had—a relative on board. And—and—she has heard—it is only a rumour, but it may be true—that he has been seen alive."

"This is very interesting. I will ask the manager. Or, stay. First let us look at the books in which the 'Promised Land' accounts and statements would be entered. 1881, you say? Jones," to a young clerk behind, "go down to the strong room and bring up the entry book of 1881."

The clerk went off to do as he was bid and came back five minutes later bearing in his arms a large book of the ledger type, one which had stamped on its back the words "Furness and Co., 1881."

"That's it," said the official, as he opened the book and consulted the index. "Let's see. 'P.' Here we are, 'Palmyra,' 'Pouchblossom,' 'Philadelphia,' he muttered to himself. "'Prometheus,' 'Promised Land.' Lost," he read out. "August 3rd of this year. Last seen and spoken by s.s. 'Devonshire,' Lat. 75.10, Long. 30.00. Reported all well. Ah, here's the list of passengers and here is something else; a cutting from a paper. American most likely. What," he asked, glancing up at Séverine, "was the name of your friend's friend?"

"Mark Furness."

"Mark Furness. Humph. Well," he said, opening a little wider in the wire frame and pushing the entry book towards Séverine, "look at that."

"My God!" Séverine said beneath her breath, after she had glanced at it for a few moments. "It is true. Oh! my poor Rhoda."

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